Filling up of Post of Engineer in ONGC

†119. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of engineers in ONGC and the number of posts vacant as on date, branch-wise;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to fill-up the said vacant posts;

(c) what procedure is followed in making appointment of engineers, especially in electronics division;

(d) whether it is a fact that an advertisement is not given for appointment of engineers, especially in Electronics Division in ONGC and a lot of irregularities are committed in their appointment; and

(e) if so, measures being taken by Government to bring transparency in the appointment of engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) There are 10,994 engineers in position in Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) as on date. ONGC had been adjusting the manpower deployed in view of its present and future activities and all the posts falling vacant due to superannuation, voluntary retirement, resignation or death etc. are reviewed. ONGC is at present making assessment of requirement of executive posts to be filled in during the year 2000. Recruitment of engineers in ONGC in the various disciplines, including the Electronic discipline, is made as per the provision of ONGC Recruitment & Promotion Rules. An open advertisement in all leading newspapers throughout the country and the Employment News is made notifying the filling up of posts. The selection of suitable candidates is done on the basis of a competitive examination at All India level followed by an Interview of the candidates who are shortlisted on the basis of their performance in the examination. The

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posts of Engineers in the Electronic Discipline alongwith other posts were last advertised during May/June, 1998. There was no irregularity committed in the appointment.

Waiting List for LPG Connection in Meghalaya

120. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for LPG connection in Meghalaya as on 31st January, 2000, District-wise;

(b) the time by which the above waiting list is likely to be cleared;

(c) the number of LPG connections proposed to be released in Meghalaya during 2000-2001; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) As on 31-01-2000, there was a pending wait list of 964 with the distributors of PSU Oil Companies in the District of East Khasi Hills in Meghalaya.

(b) The above wait list is likely to be cleared by 31-3-2000.

(c) and (d) LPG connections are released in a phased manner throughout the country depending upon the LPG availability, waiting list, slack available with the distributors and their viability. However the Govt. has a plan to release 1 crore LPG connections during the year 2000 to clear all waiting list registered with the distributors of PSU Oil Companies as on 1-12-1999.